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## Letter dated 21 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to my letter to you dated 20 September 2012 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and the annex thereto could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 69, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Abdullah Hussain **Haroon**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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## Annex to the letter dated 21 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

This is to express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the strong condemnation expressed by you of the unwarranted, senseless, offensive and provocative acts aimed at denigrating Islam under the garb of freedom of expression.

Like all Muslims of the world, Pakistanis cannot condone any act, writing or verbal attack on their beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) or their religion. I am attaching the resolution passed in this regard by the National Assembly of Pakistan (see enclosure). Moreover, Pakistan's Cabinet in its meeting has decided to observe Friday, 21 September 2012, as Youm-e-Ishq-e-Rasool, "Love for Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)", and has declared the day a public holiday.

The non-Muslim members of the international community have the duty to prevent and penalize such incitement to violence, which, as is evident by the reaction, poses a clear threat to international peace and security.

(*Signed*) Abdullah Hussain **Haroon**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

## Enclosure

### Resolution on defamatory video maligning our Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

The National Assembly strongly condemns the airing of a defamatory video clip in the United States, maligning the revered and pious personality of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), on the eve of 11 September 2012.

Such actions, synchronized with the commemoration of atrocious events like 9/11, provoke hatred, discord and enmity within societies and between peoples of various faiths. The event has deeply hurt the feelings of the people of Pakistan and the Muslims all over the world.

Pakistan is a strong proponent of interfaith harmony and believes that all manifestations of extremist tendencies must be opposed.

(*Signed*) Farooq H. **Naek**
Minister for Law and Justice

13 September 2012